HENRY S. ALEXANDER



Henry S. Alexander, born July 12, 1823, Washington County, Vt.

Married Mary Marstella of Harpers Ferry, Virginia. She died 1847. Married June Huston in 1848 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She died after child birth. Married Sarah Simonds Miles. Born in New York, Dec. 27, 1831. Married 23 July 1850. Died Jan. 14, 1904.

H. S. Alexander died March 6, 1903, Heber, Utah, first marriage, children Charles M. Arthur (died).

Henry Samuel Alexander, son of Alvah Alexander and Phoebe Houston, born 12 July 1823, in Washington County Vt.; came to Utah Sept. 1848. Married Mary Marstella, of Harpers Ferry, Virginia, at Nauvoo, Ill., 1845.

Henry S. grew up in his native Vermont. The parents and older children of the family in which there were three girls and two boys, became converts to the Mormon Church and in 1841 sold out their property in Vermont and moved to Nauvoo, remaining there until the exodus in 1846. Henry S., was a corporal in the Nauvoo Legion. From Nauvoo the family moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 1849. Henry S. came to Utah with freight train of Livingston and Kinkaid and arrived in Salt Lake in Sept. The other members followed in 1852.

Henry settled in Salt Lake where he lived for one year. Then Brigham Young called him to build a saw mill in Mill Creek, where he sawed the first shingles to be made in Utah. Pres. Young called him on a colonization mission to Carson Valley, Nevada, in the early part of 1856, being recalled that fall. During the trip across the desert the party suffered from thirst, being without water for three days. Their tongues became swollen and protruded from their mouths. They obtained relief before any fatalities occurred from an Indian band they met.

Henry S. returned to Carson Valley in 1857 and was again recalled on account of Johnston Army troubles. He went to Lehi in 1858 and from there back to Mill Creek where he again took charge of the shingle mill for a time.

It seemed wherever the need was the greatest for building material was where Brigham Young called him to go.

He later built the Wanship Mill on Silver Creek, which he operated until 1869; when he moved to Midway, Wasatch County, Utah. While on Silver Creek he sawed the timbers for the railroad tunnel in Echo Canyon, in 1871 went to American Fork Canyon where he bought a Steam Mill and again sawed timber for the Railroad Co. He also had a mill in McHenry's Canyon and later Daniels Canyon; he furnished most of the timber used at that time in Wasatch County.

He was one of the representative men of Wasatch County, always took a lively interest in its different enterprises. He was one of the founders of the Wasatch Manufacturing Company retaining an interest in that concern until 1902.

From 1870 to 1901 he was 2nd Counselor to Pres. Abram Hatch. Thomas H. Giles was 1st counselor. The Wasatch Stake at that time extended to the Colorado line taking in the counties of Wasatch, Uinta, and including Ashley Valley. This Presidency laid out the town of Vernal, and visited every portion of this large district wearing out three mountain wagons in the work. They were men of high intelligence and executive ability, for 30 years these three men worked side by side, for the advancement of the Church. When they were re-

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